LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. – 10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Currently Amended) A portable device comprising:

a display screen;

a processing unit; and

memory storing computer readable instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

(i)   receiving a task list, wherein each task comprises information known about ~~a unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods prior to the shipment<u>s</u> being inspected;

(ii)   displaying task information on the display screen to inform a user about upcoming inspections;

(iii)   <u>identifying a first shipment of goods to be inspected by the user based on the information known about shipments of goods;</u>

(iv)   <u>receiving inspection results from the user, wherein an on-site inspection of ~~one of~~ the <u>first </u>shipment<u>s</u> of goods ~~in the task list~~ is performed by the user and the on-site inspection of goods is based from the information about the ~~unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods, further wherein the inspection results correspond to the user's on-site inspection of ~~one of~~ the <u>first </u>shipment<u>s</u> of goods ~~in the task list~~; and</u>

(i<u>v</u>)   transmitting the inspection results over a wireless communications link.

12.   (Original) The portable device of claim 11, wherein step (i) is performed over a wireless communications link.

13.   (Original) The portable device of claim 11, wherein step (i) is performed during one or more wired synchronization procedures.

14.   (Original) The portable device of claim 11, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods that is to be inspected.

15.   (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 11, further comprising a camera, and wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

     (v<u>i</u>)   photographing at least a portion of the one shipment of goods using the camera;

     (vi<u>i</u>)   storing the photograph in the memory; and

     (vii<u>i</u>)   associating the photograph with the task corresponding to the one shipment of goods.

16.   (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the device to perform the step of:

     (v<u>i</u>)   sending a communication to a second device associated with an X-ray team, based on the inspection results, said communication requesting an x-ray of the corresponding shipment.

17.   (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the device to perform the step of:

     (v<u>i</u>)   sending a communication to a device associated with an import specialist, said communication comprising inspection results.

18.   (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the device to perform the step of:

     (v<u>i</u>)   sending a communication to at least one device associated with a customs inspector, said communication comprising inspection results.

19.   (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

     (v<u>i</u>)   displaying a research tool in response to a user input; and

     (vi<u>i</u>)   receiving research criteria input by the user;

     (vii<u>i</u>)   querying the research tool using the research criteria; and

(~~viii~~<u>ix</u>) displaying query results on the display screen.

20. (Original) The portable device of claim 19, wherein the research tool displays news articles.

21. (Original) The portable device of claim 19, wherein the research tool comprises an inspection look up function.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer, comprising:

a display screen;

a processing unit; and

memory storing computer readable instructions wherein, when the computer readable instructions are executed by the processor, they cause the computer to perform the steps of:

(i) receiving a task list from a second computer, wherein each task comprises information known about ~~a unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods prior to the shipment being inspected;

(ii) displaying task information on the display screen to inform a user about upcoming inspections;

(iii) <u>identifying a first shipment of goods to be inspected by the user based on the information known about shipments of goods;</u>

(iv) receiving inspection results from the user, wherein an on-site inspection of ~~one of~~ the <u>first</u> shipment<u>s</u> of goods ~~in the task list~~ is performed by the user and the on-site inspection of goods is based from the information about the ~~unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods, further wherein the inspection results correspond to the user's on-site inspection of ~~one of~~ the <u>first</u> shipment~~s~~ of goods ~~in the task list~~; and

(~~i~~v) sending the inspection results to the second computer.

23. (Original) The computer of claim 22, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods that is to be inspected.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 22, further comprising a camera, and wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the steps of:

    (~~i~~v) photographing at least a portion of a first shipment of goods using the camera;

    (v~~i~~) storing the photograph in the memory; and

    (vi~~i~~) associating the photograph with the task corresponding to the first shipment of goods.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

    (v~~i~~) sending a communication to a device associated with an X-ray team, based on the inspection results, said communication requesting an x-ray of the corresponding shipment.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

    (v~~i~~) sending a communication to a device associated with one of an import specialist and a customs inspector, based on the inspection results.

27. (Original) The computer of claim 26, wherein the communication is sent to a plurality of devices associated with customs inspectors.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the steps of:

    (v~~i~~) displaying a research tool in response to a user input; and

    (vi~~i~~) receiving research criteria input by the user;

    (vii~~i~~) querying the research tool using the research criteria; and

    (~~viii~~x) displaying query results on the display screen.

29.   (Original) The computer of claim 28, wherein the research tool comprises an inspection look up function.

30.   (Original) The computer of claim 28, wherein the research tool displays reports of trends of imported goods.

31.   (Currently Amended) A portable device comprising:

a display screen;

a processing unit; and

memory storing a database and computer readable instructions, wherein each entry in the database is representative of a task and comprises:

a first field representative of a priority level,

a second field representative of an arrival date,

a third field representative of an importer name,

a fourth field representative of a risk level, and

a fifth field representative of a commodity name;

and wherein the computer readable instructions, when executed by the processor, cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

(i)   receiving a task list, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods and wherein the priority level, the arrival date, the importer name, the risk level, and the commodity name is used by a user to prioritize an inspection schedule;

(ii)   displaying a task summary list on the display screen to inform a user about upcoming inspections, wherein the task summary list is ordered based on the priority level, the arrival date, the importer name, the risk level, and the commodity name;

(iii)   displaying detailed task information on the display screen to inform the user about upcoming inspections, wherein the detailed task information comprises information associated with a shipment of goods corresponding to a selected task, said information comprising information known about the shipment of goods prior to the shipment being shipped;

(iv)   receiving inspection results from the user, wherein an on-site inspection of one of the shipments of goods in the task list is performed by the user and the on-site inspection of goods is based from the information about the shipment of goods, further wherein the inspection results correspond to the shipment of goods; and

(v)   transmitting the inspection results.

32.   (Original) The portable device of claim 31, wherein step (i) is performed over one of a synchronization process through a second computer and a wireless communications link.

33.   (Previously Presented) The portable device of claim 31 wherein the task summary list comprises the priority level, the arrival date, the importer name, the risk level, and the commodity name for each task.

34.   (Original) The portable device of claim 31, wherein in step (v), the results are transmitted over a wireless communications link.

35.   (Currently Amended) A computer, comprising:

a display screen;

a processing unit; and

memory storing a database and computer readable instructions, wherein each entry in the database is representative of a task and comprises:

a first field representative of a priority level,

a second field representative of an arrival date,

a third field representative of an importer name,

a fourth field representative of a risk level, and

a fifth field representative of a commodity name;

and wherein the computer readable instructions, when executed by the processor, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

(i)   receiving a list of tasks from a central database, wherein each task
        corresponds to a shipment of goods, and wherein each task comprises
        information known about the shipment of goods prior to the shipment
        being shipped, and further wherein the priority level, the arrival date, the
        importer name, the risk level, and the commodity name is used by a user
        to prioritize an inspection schedule;

(ii)   displaying a task list on the display screen to inform a user about
        upcoming inspections, wherein, for each task, the computer displays the
        priority level, the arrival date, the importer name, the risk level, and the
        commodity name, and wherein the task summary list is ordered based on
        the priority level, the arrival date, the importer name, the risk level, and
        the commodity name;

(iii)   displaying task information on the display screen ~~to inform the user about
        upcoming inspections~~, wherein the detailed task information comprises
        information associated with a shipment of goods corresponding to a
        selected task;

(iv)   receiving inspection results from the user, wherein an on-site inspection of
        one of the shipments of goods in the task list is performed by the user and
        the on-site inspection of goods is based from the information about the
        shipment of goods, further wherein the inspection results correspond to the
        shipment of goods; and

(v)   transmitting the inspection results and~~to~~ clearing the shipment for passage.

36.   (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 35, wherein the computer
readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

(vi)   displaying an analysis report list on the display screen, wherein, when a
        user selects one of the analysis reports, a complete report corresponding to
        the selected report is displayed on the display screen.

37.   (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 35~~36~~, wherein the computer
readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

(vi)   displaying an inspection look up box on the display screen, wherein, when
         a user enters a selected date, a list of inspections corresponding to that date
         is displayed on the display screen.

38. – 41.   (Cancelled)

42.   (Currently Amended) A method of clearing a shipment of goods into a
country, comprising the steps of:

(i)   receiving at a portable handheld computer a task list comprising a plurality
         of tasks, wherein each task comprises information known about a unique
         shipments of goods received at a customs border prior to the shipments
         being inspected;

(ii)   displaying the task list on a display of the portable handheld computer to
         inform a user about upcoming inspections;

(iii)   receiving user input selecting a first task from a plurality of tasks in the
         task list;

(iv)   displaying task detail information corresponding to the first task to inform
         the user about upcoming inspections;

(v)   identifying one of the shipments of goods corresponding to the first task;

(vi)   inspecting on-site the one of the shipments of goods, wherein an on-site
         inspection of the one of the shipments of goods in the task list is
         performed by the user and the on-site inspection of the one of the
         shipments of goods is based from the information about the shipments of
         goods;

(vii)   at a location of goods being inspected, receiving user input into the
         portable handheld computer corresponding to the user's inspection of the
         shipment of goods corresponding to the first task; and

(viii)   sending the inspection results from the portable handheld computer to a
         server computer, wherein an on-site inspection of one of the shipments of
         goods in the task list is performed by the user and the on-site inspection of
         goods is based from the information about the unique shipments of goods,

~~further~~, wherein the inspection results are sent over a wireless communications link.

43.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein step (i) is performed over a wireless communications link.

44.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the information known about ~~a unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods includes an image of how the goods are expected to look upon inspection.

45.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the portable handheld computer communicates with a camera, and further comprising the steps of:

(~~vii~~<u>x</u>)   photographing at least a portion of the shipment of goods using a camera;

(<u>x</u>~~viii~~)   storing the photograph in a memory; and

(~~ix~~<u>i</u>)   associating the photograph with the shipment of goods.

46.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of:

(~~vii~~<u>x</u>)   sending a communication to a device associated with an X-ray team based on the inspection results.

47.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of:

(~~vii~~<u>x</u>)   sending a communication to a device associated with an import specialist based on the inspection results.

48.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of:

(~~vii~~<u>x</u>)   sending a communication to at least one device associated with a customs inspector.

49.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, further comprising the steps of:

(~~vii~~x)   accessing a research tool from the portable handheld computer; and

(x~~viii~~)   performing research corresponding to the shipment of goods.

50.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the research tool comprises reports of trends of imported goods.

51.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the research tool comprises an inspection lookup function.

52.   – 58.   (Canceled)

59.   (Currently Amended) The device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the portable device to perform the ~~steps~~ of: obtaining ~~determining~~ a risk rating related to the ~~unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods based on criteria from the group of: importer information, carrier information, type of merchandise, amount of times the carrier has been inspected, and amount of times contraband has been found for a particular carrier.

60.   (Currently Amended) The device of claim 59, wherein the risk rating is used by the user during the inspection of one of the shipments of goods<u> to identify shipments that are likely to contain illegal goods</u>.

61.   (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the steps of: obtaining ~~determining~~ a risk rating related to the ~~unique~~ shipment<u>s</u> of goods based on criteria from the group of: importer information, carrier information, type of merchandise, amount of times the carrier has been inspected, and amount of times contraband has been found for a particular carrier.

62.   (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 61, wherein the risk rating is used by the user during the inspection of one of the shipments of goods to identify shipments that are likely to contain illegal goods.

63.   (Currently Amended) The device of claim 31, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the portable device to perform the steps of: obtaining determining a risk rating related to the shipment of goods based on criteria from the group of: importer information, carrier information, type of merchandise, amount of times the carrier has been inspected, and amount of times contraband has been found for a particular carrier.

64.   (Currently Amended) The device of claim 63, wherein the risk rating is used by the user during the inspection of one of the shipments of goods to identify shipments that are likely to contain illegal goods.

65.   (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 35, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the steps of: obtaining determining a risk rating related to the shipment of goods based on criteria from the group of: importer information, carrier information, type of merchandise, amount of times the carrier has been inspected, and amount of times contraband has been found for a particular carrier.

66.   (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 65, wherein the risk rating is used by the user during the inspection of one of the shipments of goods to identify shipments that are likely to contain illegal goods.

67.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the method further includes a step: the step of obtaining determining a risk rating related to the unique shipments of goods based on criteria from the group of: importer information, carrier information, type of merchandise, amount of times the carrier has been inspected, and amount of times contraband has been found for a particular carrier.

68. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 67, wherein the risk rating is used by the user during the inspection of one of the shipments of goods <u>to identify shipments that are likely to contain illegal goods</u>.